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CONSTITUTION.

I.

THIS association shall be called "The Society of Biblical Literature and Exegesis."

II.

The object of the Society shall be to stimulate the critical study of the Scriptures by presenting, discussing, and publishing original papers on biblical topics.

III.

The officers of the Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, and a Treasurer, all of whom, and five others constituting with them a Council, shall be elected annually, and hold office until their successors are appointed; and, in addition to these, any member who has been President of the Society shall be *ex officio* a member of the Council.

IV.

Members shall be elected by the Society upon the recommendation of the Council.

V.

The Society shall meet at least twice a year, at such times and places as the Council may determine.



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I.

It shall be the duty of the President, or, in his absence, of the Vice-President, to preside at all the meetings of the Society; but, in the absence of both of these officers, the Society may choose a presiding officer from the members present.

II.

It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify the members, at least two weeks in advance, of each meeting; to keep a record of

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III.

It shall be the duty of the Treasurer to take charge of all the funds of the Society, and to invest or disburse them under the direction of the Council, rendering an account of all his transactions to the Society at each annual meeting.

IV.

It shall be the duty of the Council to propose candidates for membership; to fix the times and places for meetings; to recommend papers for presentation at each meeting; to select the papers to be published in the *Journal*, and generally to supervise the interests of the Society.

V.

The fee for admission into the Society shall be five dollars, besides which each member shall annually pay a tax of three dollars; but libraries may become members without the fee for admission, and a donation at one time by a single person of fifty dollars shall exempt the donor from all further payments.

VI.

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VIII.

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